

**AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EIGHTH FLOOR, CITY HALL, 22 LINCOLN STREET,
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005, AT 2:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, and upon a roll call, the following answered as present; Randall A. Gilliland, Angela Lee Leary, Charles N. Sapp, Joseph H. Spencer, II, Turner M. Spencer, Rhet Tignor, and Ross A. Kearney, II, Mayor.

Interim City Manager Jesse T. Wallace and City Attorney A. Paul Burton were also present.

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05-0186: Closed Session

On motion of Councilwoman Leary, seconded by Vice Mayor Joseph Spencer, that the City Council meet in Closed Session as provided in Section 2-2.3711.A.7 to have a legal briefing on the former City Manager.

A roll call vote results as follows:

Ayes: Gilliland, Leary, Sapp, JSpencer, TSpencer, RTignor, Kearney.

Nays: 0

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05-0188: Resolution Certifying Closed Session

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia.

On motion of Councilman Tignor, seconded by Councilwoman Leary, that the above resolution certifying the closed session as provided in Section 2.2-3711.A.7 of the Code of Virginia to discuss the former City Manager be approved.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Gilliland, Leary, Sapp, JSpencer, TSpencer, Tignor, Kearney

Nays: 0

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05-0008: Presentation from the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board

The following people appeared before Council on behalf of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (CSB): Anthony W. Soltys of 3737 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton, Charles Hall, 15 Marina Road, Hampton, Ms. Janice M. Gentry, Dr. Ruth Porter Holland, Mr. Asie K. Winburn, Ms. Harriet N. Storm, Ms. Peacock, Ms. Patti Gilbertson, Director of Planning and Marketing, Mr. Lou Ferraro, IT Director, Mr. Chuck Hall, Executive Director, and Ms. Mary Bunting, Assistant City Manager for the City of Hampton.

Mr. Soltys, Chairperson of the CSB, presented information about the services provided through the CSB, which was created in 1971 by Hampton and Newport News City Councils and offers community based programs for people afflicted by mental illness, mental retardation, drug abuse and alcohol.

Mr. Hall, Executive Director of the CSB, stated that the community resource center is one of the largest out patient medication and psychiatric practices on the Peninsula, and that they serve over 100 individuals each day. Mr. Hall stressed the importance of residential life as an important component of system of care, and that the CSB operates 14 residences in Newport News and Hampton. Mr. Hall stated that their objective is to provide skills training so that individuals can live, work and play, despite their mental illness. He invited Council to attend the first Hampton Drug Court Graduation on April 27th at 3:00 p.m. The Drug Court is one of the most successful substance abuse programs initiated by the CSB, the courts, and Commonwealth Attorney's office. Mr. Hall provided Council with a handout containing information about the previous fiscal year and current fiscal year, and he noted that Hampton residents comprised about 40% of the individuals served, with 52% from Newport News and other areas. In response to Mayor Kearney, Mr. Hall explained that a family in the military with a special needs child is more likely to be located in Hampton Roads because of the array of services that are available through the ARC and the CSB.

In response to questions raised by Council, Mr. Hall stated that Hampton presently provides per capita support to the CSB of \$8.90 and Newport News provides a per capita contribution of \$6.35. Mr. Hall complimented Mayor Kearney and Council for taking the lead on funding for special programs, including the Adult Day Care Services on Aberdeen Road.

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05-0164: Golf Course Advisory Board and changes to City golf course fees.

The Interim City Manager stated that Council was being asked to consider changes to the golf course fees as part of the FY06 Budget deliberations. The following were in attendance representing the Golf Course Advisory Board: Waymon Murphy, Chairman; Julia Pace; and Martha Miller, Program Manager.

Mr. Murphy provided recommended changes to the current fee structure as follows:

- Adjust fees closer to the market rates
- Create additional revenue to better cover operating expenses
- Offset part of the debt service at The Hamptons
- Encourage more youth and families to participate in golf.

The significant changes that were recommended are as follows:

- \$2 reduction in student green fees
- \$2 increase in regular green fees
- \$1 increase in Senior green fees
- the elimination of the Senior cart fee.

Mr. Murphy stated that the market reveals that we have the lowest fees and the most play of any Tidewater area course and anticipated revenue at both courses is well below what anticipated operating costs will be. Mr. Murphy stated that the committee struggled with the idea of providing subsidized golf by asking the City to fund the course through the Parks and Recreation general fund budget, but decided a change in fees was more appropriate, and he stated that the Board recommends the elimination of the discounted senior cart fee, which could produce nearly \$20,000 in additional revenue when seniors pay the regular cart fee.

Vice Mayor Joseph Spencer thanked Mr. Murphy for his presentation and for serving on the Golf Course Advisory Council

In response to Vice Mayor Spencer's question relative to some of the statistics on local courses, Ms. Miller stated that the Deer Run course was damaged severely from the hurricane and closed for a good portion of the year. She explained that the annual subscriber's rate was not being changed and Hampton will still have the lowest green fees in the area after the increase of \$1 to \$2 for green fees.

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05-0185: Settlers Landing Road Traffic/Parking Patterns.

In response to a report from the Director of Public Works regarding the change to the traffic pattern and on-street parking on Settlers Landing Road, which Council requested at the

special meeting on March 9, Mayor Kearney noted that the calls he received were ten to one in opposition to the changes. He recommended that Council hold a public hearing on the proposed changes. Councilman Gilliland stated that the Downtown Master Plan favors the proposed changes, as does he; and he expressed his belief that the changes should be made permanent.

Vice Mayor Joseph Spencer and Councilman Turner Spencer expressed concern that a public hearing might lead people to believe the changes are not permanent but supported the idea of a discussion. Councilman Sapp suggested an update on the parking plans for downtown rather than a public hearing.

Mayor Kearney asked the Interim City Manager to schedule an informational briefing regarding traffic and parking patterns for Downtown Hampton.

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Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport Task Force

The Interim City Manager stated that he and Mayor Kearney would be meeting with Steven Mallon and Jim Lockard, members of the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport Task Force, and that a presentation would be made to Council in May.

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Proton Cancer Research

Mayor Kearney asked the Interim City Manager to arrange for the Economic Development Department to make a short presentation concerning the Proton Cancer Research Center, stating that not only would this be a service to our community and the entire Mid-Atlantic region, but in particular, maybe an economic engine for growth in the medical field, here in the City of Hampton.

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Asset Management

Councilwoman Leary requested that the Council make a formal assignment for her to work with Dan Girourd, Asset Manager for Economic Development, in order to develop a "base of information" on city-owned real estate.

In response to Vice Mayor Joseph Spencer, the Interim City Manager agreed that Councilwoman Leary's request clearly falls within the City Manager's responsibilities and that he would be glad to get the information she is requesting. Vice Mayor Joseph Spencer and Councilman Turner Spencer requested the information be sent to the entire Council through the City Manager.

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Ordinance Regarding Weapons

Vice Mayor Joseph Spencer expressed concern regarding the carrying of firearms into a festival area and requested clarification from the City Attorney. The City Attorney indicated that he would provide additional information at the evening meeting and that the Chief of Police would also be present.

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Disparity Study

In response to Councilwoman Leary's request for a copy of the Disparity Study by MPG, Mr. Peterson stated that the consultants are still working on it and going through reviews with staff to make sure facts are correct and once that is done, it will be presented to Council. The City Attorney stated that the report should be available in the next thirty (30) to sixty (60) days.

05-0166: Closed Session

On motion of Councilman Tignor, seconded by Councilwoman Leary, that the City Council meet in closed session as provided in Section 2.2-3711.A.1 and 3 of the Code of Virginia to discuss appointments to the Finance Committee and responses to Requests for Proposals for the Armory Building.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Gilliland, Leary, Sapp, JSPencer, TSpencer, Tignor, Kearney

Nays: 0

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05-1067: Resolution Certifying Closed Session

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to the affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-37112D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, 1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (11) only such public business matters were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia.

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A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Gilliland, Leary, Sapp, JSpencer, TSpencer, Tignor, Kearney

Nays: 0

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Ross A. Kearney, II
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass
Clerk of Council

Dated approved by Council _____